Name of the Assessee and Amount due on 31.12.98.		Steps taken for recovery
28.	M/s. Nagaland Plywood, Nagpur. Rs. 47,187/-	Under persuasive action.
29.	M/s. Kuda Wood Products, Dimapur. Rs. 9,46,646/-	Under persuasive action.
30.	M/s. Hills Plywood Udyog Ltd., Mariani. Rs. 31,902/-	No steps taken in view of pending with CEGAT.
31.	M/s. Naginimora Veneer & Saw Mills (P) Ltd., Mon Dist., Nagaland. Rs. 2,44,359/-	No action in view of order from High Court.

Amount Advanced to Small Scale Units

2233. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount advanced by the Public Sector Banks to the Small Scale Units during the last three years;

(b) the total amount pending recovery from them;

(c) the number of units found sick but viable; and

(d) what is the rehabilitation programme for such units?

THE MINISTER OF STAE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING REVENUE AND INSURANCE) (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that total advances by Public sector Banks (PSBs) to small scale industries units (SSI) during the last three years were as under:

(Rs. crores)

As at the end of March	Amount
1996	29575
1997	31577
1998	38109

(b) The position of non-performing assets of PSBs in SSI sector for the year ending March, 1998 (latest available) was 23.18% of the total outstandings.

(c) and (d) RBI has reported that 18429 SSI units were found to be potentially viable as on March 1998. Out of these 13032 units have been put under nursing programme.

Credit Card Forgery Racket

2234. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the Minister of FFINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindu of 1st January, 1999 under the caption 'Major credit card forgery racket busted';

(b) what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what preventive measures have been taken to prevent recurrence of such crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (BANKING, REVENUE AND INSURANCE (SHRI KADAMBUR M.R. JANARTHANAN): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Reserve Bank of india (RBI) have informed that Citibank received a complaint in 1998 from foreign card holders that they had not undertaken the transactions for which charge slips were originated through Citibank Merchants. The Bank has lodged a complaint with the Police whose investigation revealed collusion of an employee of a merchant establishment with the fraud perpetrators. The police have arrested five persons involved in the case. RBI has reported that the fraud has occurred due to laxity of the card holders (allowing merchant establishment to take multiple charge slips) and the fraudulent intention of some persons.

Expenditure on TA Bills of Central Government and PSU Officers

2235. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state Expenditure on TA Bills of Central Government and PSUs Officers for the last three years; year-wise on account of air fares and railways each separately?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) Expenditure on TA of Central Government employees (excluding Defence personel) during the last three years was as follows:

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Expenditure on T.A.
1995-96	694.82
1996-97	796.61
1997-98	757.96

Prior to 1.10.1997, Officers drawing pay of Rs. 5100 and above were permitted to travel by Air while on tour. Others, as a rule, were required to travel by Rail. Following revision of pay scales, and w.e.f. 1.10.1997, Officers drawing pay of Rs. 16,400 and above are permitted to travel by Air while on tour. Expenditure of T.A. of Officers of PSUs is not met by Government, it is met by the PSUs themselves.

रिलायन्स इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड में यू०टी०आई० की इक्विटी धारिता का बाजार मूल्य

2236. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी० खोलंकी:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) बाजार और भारतीय रिजर्व बैंक की खबरों के अनुसार विभिन्न औद्योगिक ग्रुपों में भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट की इस समय कुल कितनी इक्विटी धारिता है और इन ग्रुपों के नाम क्या-क्या हैं;

(ख) रिलायन्स इंडस्ट्रीज लिमिटेड में भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट की इक्विटी धारिता का अंकित मूल्य कितना है; और

(ग) उक्त उद्योग में यू०टी०आई० की इक्विटी धारिताओं का वर्तमान बाजार मूल्य कितना है?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री यशवन्त सिन्हा): (क) भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट के अनुसार, निजी क्षेत्र में इसका निवेश एक्पोज़र (इक्विटी और ऋण) 1800 से अधिक कम्पिनियों में है। देश के निजी क्षेत्र के कुछ प्रमुख औद्योगिक समूहों में भारतीय यूनिट ट्रस्ट की इक्विटी धारिताओं का बाज़ार मूल्य 31 दिसम्बर, 1998 की स्थिति के अनुसार निम्नवत है:

(करोड़ रुपए)

औद्योगिक समूह	बाज़ार मूल्य
आई० टी० सी०	2480.00
टाटा	2269.05
रिलायंस	1858.04
बिरला	1482.15
बजाज	357.52
सिंघानिया	144.73